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MODERNISATION UPGRADATION OF POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for modernization and expansion of postal services in urban and rural areas of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and spent so far for this purpose in these States:

(d) the total number of Post Offices modernized/upgraded during the last three years in theseStates, district-wise, location-wise and category-wise: and

(e) the steps being taken to modernize/upgrade remaining post offices in these States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. The thrust of the 10th Plan is to modernize and upgrade the physical network of post offices in the country to improve the efficiency and provide value added service. Over 80% of the Plan allocation received in BE 2004-05 is therefore earmarked for Plan activities relating to modernization and expansion of postal services in the country, including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

(b) & (c): Details of Plan activities for modernization and expansion of postal services in; West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat in 2004-05, along with funds allocated so far to these Circles, are given in Annexure-I. Since expenditure is incurred after following codal formalities, after the Budget was passed, only funds to the extent of Rs. 2,06,777 in West Bengal, Rs. 16,29,777 in Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 15,49,933 in Gujarat have been spent by the Circles till September 30, 2004. The balance amount is either committed or in the process of being committed. Funds are also being committed centrally for the benefit of these Circles for purchase of hardware and for setting up facilities that will benefit these Circles also.

(d) Details of post offices modernized and upgraded in these States in terms of computerization, improvement of ergonomics and supply of mechanical equipment are given in Annexure-II.

(e) Over 79% of the total 10th Plan outlay of Rs. 1350 crore is earmarked for activities relating to modernization and induction of technology throughout the postal network, including Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Gujarat, as per the scope and phasing approved for the various Plan schemes. This includes computerization of all Head Post Offices, 6861 Sub- Post Offices which are having more than two hands, improvement of ergonomics in 1500 post offices, as well as supply of mechanical equipment to 1600 post offices and infrastructure equipment to 10,000 extra-departmental branch offices throughout the country, including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

Annexure

ANNEXURE-I

Modernisation & Expansion of Postal Services in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat in 2004-05

Sl. No.	Plan Activity	Funds allotted		
		West Bengal	Uttar Pradesh	Gujarat
MODERNISATION				
1	Computerization of post offices (installation of MPCMs), Accounts and administrative offices	2,98,84,000	4,75,22,000	1,89,90,000

and software development
2 Modernization of operative/working system (improving ergonomics) a. Modernisation 20,00,00 a. 10,00,000 a. 10,00,000

(improving ergonomics)0 of post offices b. b.
b. Mechanical equipment 10,00,00 b. 10,00,000 6,25,000
c. Modernisation 0 c. 2,32,141 c.

(improving ergonomics) of mail offices 10,53,091
d. Provision of infrastructure equipments for rural post offices 2,87,655 c. 12,54,067 d. 5,91,812 d. 5,40,669
3 Modernization/upgradation of premium products a. Business Expansion (Speed Post) 3,72,000 a. 11,16,000
b. Upgradation of Track & Trace (Speed Net) 63,000 b. 7,58,000
4 Upgradation & promotion of philately: 100,000 100,000 100,000
Provision of tools & equipments to units
5 Modernization of Circle Stamp Depot 11,00,00 0 100,000
6 e-post Funds are being committed centrally
7 e-billpost Funds are being committed centrally
8 National Data Centre Funds will be committed centrally
EXPANSION OF NETWORK
Expansion of Postal Network: Opening of PSSKs 24,332 19,34,394 4,74,474

ANNEXURE-II

DETAILS OF THE Pos MODERNIZED/UPGRADED DURING THE LAST 3 YEARS

STATE: West Bengal

Sl. No.	Name of the Pos (Location)	Category	District
1	Rahara	SO	24 PGS(N)
2	Khardaha	SO	
3	Jeliapara	SO	
4	Suryasen Nagar	SO	
5	B.D. Sopan	SO	
6	Baarhat	HO	
7	Barasat	HO	
8	Barrackpur	HO	
9	Raghunathganj	HO	Murshidabad
10	Kandi	HO	
11	Berhampur(WB)	HO	
12	Ranaghat	HO	Nadia
13	Arambagh	HO	Hooghly
14	Aaykar Bhawan	SO	Kolkata
15	Asylum	SO	
16	Rajbhawan	SO	
17	Ballygunge	SO	
18	Behala	SO	
19	Beleghata	HO	
20	Belgachia	SO	
21	Circus Avenue	SO	

22	Dum Dum	SO	
23	Kalighat	SO	
24	L.R. Sarani	SO	
25	R.B. Avenue	SO	
26	S.B. Road	SO	
27	Shyambazar	SO	
28	Tollygunge	HO	
29	Jadavpur University	SO	
30	Barabazar	HO	
31	Kolkata GPO	HO	
32	Park Street	HO	
33	Asansol	HO	Burdwan
34	Burdwan	HO	
35	Midnapore	HO	Midnapur

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36	Darjeeling	HO	Darjeeling
37	Siliguri	HO	
38	Jalpaiguri	HO	Jalpaiguri
39	Bankura	HO	Bankura
40	Malda	HO	Malda

N.B. All above Post Offices are located in Urban area.

State: Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the POs (Location)	Category	District
1	Aligarh	HO	Aligarh
2	Mathura	HO	Mathura
3	Jhansi	HO	Jhansi
4	Deoria	HO	Deoria
5	Gorakpur	HO	Gorakhpur
6	Nawabganj	HO	Kanpur
7	Kanpur Cantt.	HO	
8	Kanpur	HO	
9	H.N.S. Nagar	SO	
10	Kidwai nagar	SO	
11	Lucknow	GPO	Lucknow
12	Lucknow Chowk	HO	
13	Faizabad	HO	Faizabad
14	Meerut Cantt.	HO	Meerut
15	Varanasi	HO	Varanasi
16	Varanasi Cantt.	HO	
17	Allahabad	HO	Allahabad
18	Azamgarh	HO	Azamgarh
19	Ballia	HO	Ballia
20	Mainpuri	HO	Mainpuri
21	Etawah	HO	Etawah
22	Chandhauli	MDG	Chandhauli
23	Ghaziabad City	HO	Ghaziabad
24	Noida	HO	G.B. Nagar
25	Barhalganj	SO	Gorakhpur
26	Akbarpur	HO	Ambedkar Nagar
27	Raebareli	HO	Raaebareli
28	Bareilly	HO	Bareilly
29	Saharanpur	HO	

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State: Gujarat

Sl. No.	Name of the POs (Location)	Category	District
1	Revidibazar	HO	Ahmedabad
2	Surat	HO	Surat
3	Kheda	HO	Kheda
4	Nadiad	HO	
5	Amreli	HO	Amreli
6	Jamnagar	HO	Jamnagar
7	Junagarh	HO	Junagarh
8	Bhavnagar	HO	Bhavnagar
9	Ambawadi Vistar	SO	Ahmedabad
10	Naranpura Vistar	SO	
11	Viramgam (Gandhi Nagar Dn.)	SO	
12	Race Course	SO	Vadodara

13	Vapi	SO	Valsad
14	Silvassa	SO	
15	Godhra	HO	Panchmahal
16	Thangadh	SO	Surendrana
gar			
17	Mundra	SO	Kutch
18	Gandhidham	SO	
19	Baruch	HO	Baruch
20	Palanpur	HO	Banaskanth
a			
21	Patan	HO	Patan
22	Porbandar	HO	Porbandar

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